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A Feeling in the Air

Claire Sumerlus, Head of School

Although the routines at BH remain the same from day to day, a certain excitement is building among students, parents and staff...we are almost 100 years old! Several projects are planned for the coming year and we want the entire "BH Family" to join us in celebrating this milestone in our history.

Alumnae have been sharing special memories and diligently dusting off, restoring and hanging pictures throughout the hallowed

I-r: Claire Sumerlus greets Mrs. Ruth Hambley and Marion (Hambley) Campbell RIV '45 in Aikins House in January.

halls of BH. The Grade 11 class is getting ready to be our 100th graduating class, and many of these young women are interviewing alumnae for their history projects. A video of Aikins House, being prepared by students in our multi media program, is eagerly awaited along with a special project initiated by three Grade 9 students, who are compiling memories of the uniform for a video. Grade 6 students are tracing their family histories and the Parent Association is incorporating our heritage into many of their annual events.

An incredible reunion weekend is deep in the planning process thanks to a group of dedicated and keen alumnae, and the Heritage Committee is putting the final touches on the main floor of Aikins House. Staff are busy planning assemblies which will celebrate

In just a little over a year, hundreds of alumnae will gather in Winnipeg to celebrate the School's centennial year. The dates are set and the plans are underway! Already, over twenty five committed alumnae are busy planning the big event scheduled for May 3 – 5, 2002.

As we get closer to the event, more and more volunteers will be needed to coordinate activities on-site. If you are interested in volunteering in the planning, or to help during the weekend itself, please contact the Alumnae Office. We'll be sure to find something you enjoy doing and that fits into your schedule.

The last few months have included some fun events for alumnae. In November, Claire Sumerlus, Head of School and Pamela McGhie, Director of Admissions, held an alumnae reception in Victoria. In December, alumnae from 1996 – 2001 were invited to a gathering in Aikins House. This year we called it "Home for the Holidays," an appropriate name because several of the alumnae who were in attendance are currently studying in other cities. The Class of 1991 is getting ready to celebrate its 10 year reunion in June and classes in reunion years are invited to get together at the Annual

Alumnae Brunch in April (see details on the back cover of this issue).

We continue our search for lost alumnae and hope you will help us find as many alums as possible before the *Centennial Reunion*. We have not printed lists in the magazine this time, but are continually updating our lost alumnae lists on the School's website. If you have access to the Internet, please take a few minutes and have a look. If you would like a copy of the list for your class, call the Alumnae Office and it can be mailed to you. Several alums have already contacted us with classmates' addresses!

I would like to thank all alumnae who have donated to this year's Annual Giving Campaign. A second appeal is enclosed in this issue and I would like to encourage all those who have yet to make their gift to do so before the end of June. Regardless of the amount, all gifts help enrich the daily lives of the girls at BH. As alumnae, I believe we have a responsibility to support the School and its future. We also have an incredible opportunity to have our gifts matched by the Carolyn Sifton Foundation until June 2002 (details on page 10). Please consider this opportunity when making your charitable contributions.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Alumnae Brunch on April 22nd and all of you at the *Centennial Reunion* on May 3 – 5, 2002!

Debbie Metcalfe '76,
Alumnae Association President



Debbie Metcalfe & son John

the last hundred years decade by decade starting in September with the Grade 12 class profiling the 1900s.

With each decade, we want to profile an alumna from that era. In my two years at Balmoral Hall, I have met hundreds of alumnae and many have shared their funny, sad, heart-warming memories. Our alumnae lead and have led, vital, fulfilling lives, giving back to their communities in so many valuable ways and honouring our school motto, *Meliora Petens* – Seeking Better Things. If you would like to suggest an alumna to be profiled, please complete the form found in this issue.

In reviewing the accomplishments of the past one hundred years, it reinforces our commitment to honour traditions and to maintain

Balmoral Hall's exceptionally high educational standards. We must also be ready to meet and exceed the challenges a global education presents. To accomplish and fulfill our goals we will need continued and renewed financial support from you, the proud alumnae of Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend and Balmoral Hall.

There are several ways you can show your support and they range from gifts to meet the Carolyn Sifton Challenge (outlined in this issue of the Portal), to annual gifts, to planned gifts like a bequest to Balmoral Hall in your Will. Please join me in ensuring that a BH education will always be available for our children, our grandchildren and our great grandchildren.



Heather Hinchliffe '81,
Centennial Reunion Chair
with fiancé Gérald Ragot

One year and counting...

As we approach the "one year left" mark, we are all getting very excited about the *Centennial Reunion* and at the thought of reuniting so many exceptional women. We sometimes get lost in the planning and forget that reunions are all about spending time with old friends, catching up on life and sharing a few laughs.

We have been hearing from around the world about those of you who are already making plans with classmates to meet in Winnipeg next year. Knowing that so many of you are also getting excited makes it a lot of fun for the planning committee!

I would like to thank the alumnae who have joined the committee for their work to date. Can you believe there is only one year to go? I would also like to thank St. John's Ravenscourt and St. John's College (University of Manitoba) for promoting this event to our "shared" alumnae via their publications.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to extend my personal invitation to every alumna to join us next May and take part in what promises to be an unforgettable weekend!

Here's what we're planning for the *Centennial Reunion*

A year this May, hundreds of alumnae will be gathered in Winnipeg to reminisce about their days at Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend and BH. Our planning committees are working hard, ensuring this is the best reunion yet!

Registration forms for the *Centennial Reunion* will be included in the next issue of the Portal. Why not call your friends or that person you haven't seen in fifteen years, and plan to join us next year.

We Need You!

The *Centennial Reunion* planning committee needs volunteers both now to help with planning and on reunion weekend to help with logistics. If you're interested, please contact:

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Office phone: (204) 784-1603
email: alumnae@balmoralhall.com

or Heather Hinchliffe '81, Reunion Chair
phone: (204) 489-8643
email: toby81@mb.sympatico.ca.



Centennial Reunion
May 3–5, 2002

Friday, May 3, 2002

School Assembly
Registration
Tours of School & Aikins House
Decade Parties at the Fairmont Hotel
(formerly The Lombard)

Saturday, May 4, 2002

Alumnae Association AGM &
Keynote speaker
Garden Party at Balmoral Hall
• Lunch
• Tours
• Displays & Demos
• Performances
Dinner & Show at the Fairmont Hotel

Sunday, May 5, 2002

Church Service at Westminster Church

Comme joins us.



I-r: Heather Partridge '90, Rebecca Staunton '90 and Ardyth DeFehr '91

Play Swing Tag, enjoy chocolate milk and doughnuts, see today's BH students in action...

BH comes alive on Saturday, May 4, 2002

Remember Red Rover and Swing Tag, chocolate milk and doughnuts? Well, the members of the *Centennial Reunion's* Saturday afternoon events committee certainly do. Chaired by Heather (Jessiman) Partridge '90, the committee of six individuals spread across North America is planning an eclectic array of activities intended to help attendees reminisce about the past, and showcase the BH of today. Jessiman recently spoke with *The Portal* about her committee, the activities they're planning for the afternoon of Saturday, May 4, and their reasons for getting involved.

Portal: What's in store for alumnae on the afternoon of Saturday, May 4?

Heather: You name it, we're planning it. From noon to 4 p.m., alumnae will be able to tour the School; look at archive displays; participate in hands-on activities with current students (when was the last time you performed a Chemistry experiment?); enjoy a variety of presentations by current students; and maybe even participate in a friendly game of *Red Rover*. We're trying to recreate things that used to happen around the School while showcasing where the School and its students are today. We're still doing a lot of brainstorming so this list might change or grow.

Portal: Who makes up the Saturday afternoon events committee?

Heather: The committee is made up of last year's Head Girl, Erin Palmer; Ardyth DeFehr '91; Rebecca Staunton '90; Jennifer Baron '91; and Megan Jessiman '83. We're spread all over Canada, with Megan in New York. We do a lot of corresponding by email!

Portal: What made you get involved?

Heather: I was at BH for 12 years, so the School had a big impact on my life. I organized my class's 10-year reunion last year and that led me into helping with the *Centennial Reunion*.

It's the same for the other members of the committee. Ardyth went to BH for a long time and BH was such a big part of her life that she wanted to stay involved.

Alumnae can find out the latest event details by looking at the BH web site: <http://www.balmoralhall.com/reunion.htm>.



The Heritage Committee – Chapter Two: Remembering Aikins

By T'shura-Ann Elias '94

*Sitting on the banks of the Assiniboine River is a classical revival house with a picturesque two-story veranda. This gives way to the lawn, which in turn sweeps down to the river. This handsome, square, buff-brick house with Tyndall limestone foundation was designed by architect J.H.G. Russell in 1902 for J.A.M. Aikins Esquire, later to be **Sir James Aikins**, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba from 1916 to 1926. The original entrance to the eighteen-acre property, then called Riverbend, was through gates on Langside Street. The front facade of the classical revival house is basically symmetrical with pillared porch, a distinctive oeil-de-boeuf decorative central window, and a handsome Palladian-style window on the third floor.*

When one approaches Aikins House, there exists a quiet solitude, which seems quite strange. From the outside, the House holds such great fascination and grandeur – one could only imagine mystical guests of national and international status moving elegantly through the hallways and rooms, entertaining and being entertained by the hosts of what can only be referred to as "a mansion." However, when setting foot in the Front Entrance, guests feel a welcoming warmth and comfort (rather than intimidation), emanating from every room, including the Library, where a portrait of Sir James Aikins can be seen, looking back at his guests.

For members of the Balmoral Hall family, past and present, Aikins House holds such significance, as a school, a residence, a home, and as a tie holding together the past and the present.

However, it is sometimes forgotten that the origins of Balmoral Hall and the House as we have come to know it, are attributed to one man, Sir James Aikins. This pioneer who had willed his house, the surrounding acreage, and a substantial trust fund to the United Church of Canada, made possible the founding of a school for young ladies.

Once described in a newspaper of the time as "something more than a brilliant lawyer and a successful business man, being also a gentleman using the word in its highest application," J.A.M. Aikins, K.C. holds the unique position as a "many-sided man and unquestionable leader." His activities

have reflected the general interest of society, with a strong element towards progress and improvement. Although his prominence is tied to the legal profession and the practice of law was his life work, J.A.M. Aikins' name, and his life story is an integral part of the annals of Balmoral Hall and Manitoba.

James Albert Manning Aikins was born in Peel County, Ontario, December 10, 1851, his parents being the Honorable James Cox and Mary Elizabeth (Somerset) Aikins. Upon his completion of his early education in Richview and Brampton Grammar School, Aikins became a student of Upper Canada College, and later entered the University of Toronto, from which he graduated with the class of 1875. With the commitment to enter the legal profession, he became a student in the law office of Honorable Matthew Crooks Cameron and later continued his reading under the direction of the law firm Mowat, McClellan & Downey in Toronto. In 1878, Mr. Aikins visited Winnipeg and upon his return to Ontario in November, was called to the bar. In February 1879, Mr. Aikins again returned to Manitoba.

Sir James met ready success in Winnipeg, building a large law practice and attracting to his firm some of Canada's best lawyers. His ability as a lawyer and council was soon recognized – he was appointed as counsel for the Department of Justice serving from 1879 – 1896, and in 1880 was named by the Dominion

Government as a member of the Royal Commission on administration of Justice in the North-West Territories (now Alberta and Saskatchewan). Subsequently, in 1882, Mr. Aikins was called to the North-West Territories Bar.

His public service was largely in the path of his profession. However, his devotion to progressive citizenship ensured his earnest and effective efforts to promote the welfare of the province along the lines of the law. As an agent of the Department of Justice, Mr. Aikins became connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway, resulting in his name and his works becoming part of the story of Canada's move west and north. In 1882, as counsel for the Government of Manitoba, he supported the Honorable Hugh James McDonald in drafting the Liquor Bill. Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1884, he was a member of the Royal Commission on Agricultural Education to 1902, and in 1907, he was the Chairman of the Royal Commission Concerning Manitoba University. Mr. Aikins also represented Canada, by Dominion Government appointment, at the International Congress on Moral Education at The Hague.

In the legal world, Mr. Aikins figured as counsel in nearly every legal battle of importance fought in the West, as demonstrated in his involvement in the appeal of Louis Riel in 1885. In the practice of law, his "natural vigor" helped account for his success: "With Sir James

it was almost a physical battle. He attacked his cases with so much force that his opponents were almost driven physically from the field."

However, from the beginning of his professional career J.A.M. Aikins took an active interest in matters outside his legal activities. For instance, his dynamism found an outlet in his interest in education. He was a director of Wesley College, now United College, being one of the chief subscribers in the purchase of their property. He was a member of the council of the University of Manitoba, becoming an honorary bursar, and looking after the books and accounts for well over twenty years. He was one of the founders of Winnipeg's YMCA and was head of the Boy Scout movement in the province.

All of these activities and accomplishments denote a man with tremendous ambition. **But among all of his accomplishments, his work in the formation of the Canadian Bar Association stands out as one of Mr. Aikins' greatest.**

The vision of a national association of lawyers, much like that of the American Bar association, caught the imagination of a number of prominent Canadians. In March 1914, representatives from all the Provinces were present and the Canadian Bar Association was established with Mr. Aikins as its first president, a position he held for thirteen years. The association's efforts towards the uniformity of law across that nation and individual justice bears the marks of Sir James Aikins' early leadership and the success of the organization attracted distinguished jurists and lawyers from around the world

In 1914, in recognition of his services in developing the Canadian West, King George V awarded Mr. Aikins a knighthood. In 1916, following in his father's footsteps, J.A.M. Aikins was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and served in this capacity for two terms, 1916 – 1926.

anniversary of his call to the Bar, he stated the following:

"To me, Winnipeg was an adventure. Everything was new, therefore interesting. When I came (1879) I knew less than a dozen people, but I concluded there was ample room to grow and expand with the country. We are living in a new world where everything is being molded into shape; in times, most interesting, when to be alive is sublime. Some assert the world is old – that is because they think in terms of decrepitude, it is they who are old, the world and people of today are new, as new as when the sons of morning shouted for joy."

History is not what you thought, it is what you can remember.

Who better to remember than Sir James Aikins – a man who was a leader and distinguished citizen who embellished all the qualities Balmoral Hall wants for their students. We are indebted to him for our heritage.

In past incarnations, the house has been both home and school to hundreds of Riverbend students and has housed offices and classrooms. It had reverted to family residence and now continues as well to be the setting for many and various gatherings of the larger Balmoral Hall family. The house binds all members of the School community, past and present, because of each individual's memories of Aikins House. Today, the Heritage Committee is trying to recreate the gracious warm atmosphere of Aikins House so that it will have an ongoing presence for future students.

Note: Italicized paragraphs from Parent Association House Tour Brochure, 1987.



At the time of his death in 1929, Sir James Aikins was acknowledged as one of Manitoba's most distinguished citizens. In a message Sir James had intended to say at a dinner celebrating his 50th

While in **Montreal** in November, staff member Geneviève Delaquis had dinner and shared plans for the upcoming centennial celebrations with two BH alums. Seen here from left to right are Geneviève, Roberta Lawee '63 and Susan Curry '65.



Alumnae Gathered in Victoria

An intimate gathering of ten alumnae representing the 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s was held at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel last November. Claire Sumerlus, Head of School and Pamela McGhie, Director of Admission were in town for a recruiting fair and were delighted to meet some of our west coast alums. Thank you to Karen (Richardson) Somers '74 for her help planning the event. We hope to do it again soon!

Celebration!



Mr. Bill Kortowski, Carla Pienaar '01,
Abbie Bajon '01



Andrea Mancini '01, Jennifer Yamamoto '01,
Alysha Kassum '01, Anna Penner '01



Alumnae of 2000 gather in Aikins House for another successful event.

Young Alums in Aikins House

This year's young alumnae gathering, "Home for the Holidays" was held on December 20th. It was great to see so many recent grads, grade twelves and current staff. Aikins House looked wonderful with all the recent renovations and decorated for the holidays. It was exciting to see everyone, reminisce, and visit with old friends. We hope to see everyone again next year!



Alexis Cloutier '98, Courtney Moir '98,
Kathryn Ball '98



Crystal Bewza '99, Robin Westmacott '99,
Mrs. Audrey Greenhill,
Kristle Calisto-Tavares '99



50th Birthday Party for Class of '68

by Shirley (Litch) Mercer

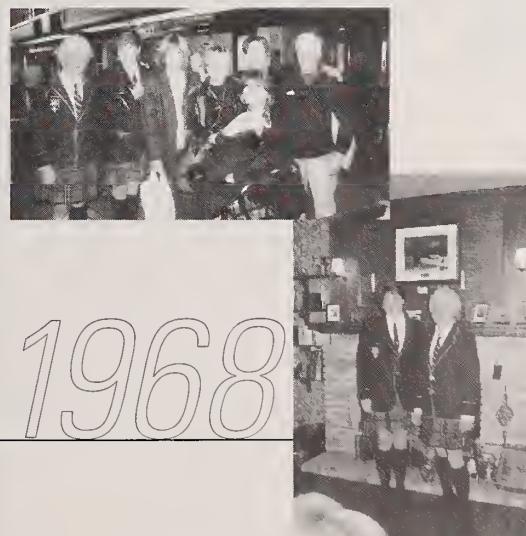
"Reunion 2000" for the class of '68 took place last fall amidst the mountain beauty of Canmore, Alberta. The grand-time-had-by-all would suggest it to be a prototype for a perfect getaway weekend, class reunion, and midlife birthday party. There were eighteen of us, an ironic number; it's the age we were when we had last all been together. But the intervening thirty-two years fell away as the group began to assemble at Calgary Airport.

Imagine the sight of the official welcoming party – two astonishing student replicas, Shanly (McMurray) Donahue and Nancy (Flintoft) Meronek, in full BH uniform. And imagine the joyful sounds of recognition

as the arrival of reunionites began. Attracted by the spectacle, other travelers came by to ask about the occasion; airport personnel volunteered to assist with photography; and the crowd, the voices and laughter continued to swell.

The town of Canmore was clearly ready for this powerhouse of energy. The local restaurants and their other patrons didn't seem to mind our repeated spontaneous rounds of "Happy Birthday to Us" nor all the other song-singing, speech-making, gift-presenting, chef-praising, and toast-making. At the Georgetown Inn, we found the perfect place to bed, breakfast and party. The long and late hours spent reconnecting with each other began with a surprise cocktail party which featured the 1967 recording of the BH Choir, now on CD. The inn staff was unfailingly tolerant and gracious even to the point of providing the photography for our group picture on eighteen different cameras.

All along the glorious drive to Lake Louise and Banff, stories were shared recalling the joys and sorrows of our BH days and of the years since. We sadly missed and spoke often of those who had not been able to be with us. I don't believe there is a doubt within the group that this Reunion 2000, a larger-than-life party which began dramatically on a full-moon Friday the thirteenth, rates right up there among our Most Memorable Millennial Moments.



Class of 1968

The Focus this Summer

Sarah Young '98 will be working with Geneviève Delaquis in the Alumnae Office full-time this summer to find lost alumnae. This is our last "big push" before the *Centennial Reunion* in May 2002. Lost alumnae lists are posted on the School's website and are also available from the Alumnae Office. If you run into an alum, ask her if she is getting *The Portal*. If not, she is lost!

Statistics as of March 1, 2001

Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend and BH Alumnae

Total: 4,835

Found: 1,863

Lost: 2,972

Balmoral Hall
School Graduates

Total: 1,225

Found: 934

Lost: 291

Class Reps

Interested in being a Class Rep? Contact the Alumnae Office to get a class list and help us locate your classmates!



Sarah Young '98

Balmoral Hall School Alumnae Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 22, 2001
11 a.m. – Aikins House

All Welcome!

Since 1992, alumnae have been approached annually to support the School. These donations have supported scholarships, bursaries, program enrichment, technology upgrades and capital improvements.

Strong support of Annual Giving allows current students to benefit from a learning environment that prepares them to succeed at university and in the career of their choice. It also means that programs remain on the cutting edge and each student has access to the tools she needs to achieve her full potential.

After graduation, students stay connected to the School and to each other through their Alumnae Association. As you know, there is no membership fee to belong to the Association. The School publishes *The Portal* twice a year to keep you in touch with your alma mater and now offers a free Email Directory on the School's website.

The goal of an Alumnae Association is to strengthen ties between alumnae and current students and to build a network of women who, connected by the same educational experience, support one another. This support must extend back to the school so that it can continue to grow and instill in its students a desire to make a difference in our communities. The future of our upcoming alumnae depends on the education they receive today.

So far this year, alumnae have raised just over \$5,000 with equal participation from Riverbend, Rupert's Land and Balmoral Hall Schools. **Just imagine if every alumna who receives the Portal gave just \$10...together \$20,000 would be raised!** That is almost half way to our annual campaign goal of \$50,000.

The enclosed brochure allows you to direct your gift to one of several funds. To find out how your gift can be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Carolyn Sifton Foundation, read the information on page 9.

Please support Balmoral Hall by making your donation today.



Every gift, no matter the amount, really does make a difference.

Bravo to our Young Philanthropists!

Current Grade 12 students are starting a new tradition at BH. They are making a 5-year pledge to the School's Annual Giving Campaign.

Research indicates that the two main factors that influence individuals to become donors in adulthood are:

1. an affinity to the cause they are supporting.
2. as children, their parents taught them the value of supporting their community.

We hope that this initiative will encourage others to make an annual gift to the School and will develop a culture of giving among all young alumnae.

Events of Interest to Alumnae

Open House

Wednesday, April 25, 2001
5 – 7 p.m.

Alumnae Association AGM

All alumnae welcome!
Sunday, April 22
11 a.m. – noon
Aikins House

Annual Alumnae Brunch

The Alumnae Association welcomes the Class of 2001
Sunday, April 22
12:00 noon
\$22 per person
\$44 patron (sponsor a graduate)

"Summer in the City" Fashion Show

Sunday, April 29
Athletic Centre

Grandparents' Day

Friday, May 4
in the afternoon – call to register

Doll Assembly

Wednesday, May 30
2 p.m. in the Athletic Centre

BH Golf Tournament

Friday, May 25
Bel Acres Golf Course
\$175 includes golf, cart & dinner
contact Ken Horch to register
phone: 489-4999 or horch@perimeter.ca

Class of 1991 Ten Year Reunion

Friday, June 1 & Saturday, June 2

Closing Exercises

Junior School – Wednesday, June 13
Middle & Senior School – Thursday, June 14

2000-01 Annual Giving

Thank you to the following alumnae who have made their annual gift to the School. (July 1, 2000 to March 23, 2001). Every effort has been made to ensure that this list is accurate. If we have made an error, or if your name is missing, please let us know.

- Eve (Rogers) Auer
- Elizabeth Buggey
- Cynthia A. Burbidge
- Darlene (Andison) Burke
- Marilyn May Burt
- Mary C. Campbell*
- Mrs. R.B. (Barbara) Cantlie
- Beryl Ford Chown
- Ditte Lansky Cloutier BH '66
- Ann (Mason) Curry '63*
- Peggy (Musgrove) Danard
- Lydia Engebretson
- Lorena (McDonald) Fair
- Johanne Ferguson
- Sherry (Carruthers) Fleming
- Kathleen Ford
- Susan (Harris) Foster
- Miss Muriel Beth Gourley

- Carolyn Dowler Reid Graham
- Mary (Bruce) Graham*
- Elizabeth Graham
- Allyson (Treleaven) Hannaford
- Blanche (Henderson) Johnston
- Frances (MacCharles) Jukes
- Marlene Lansdown
- Shirley Lush
- Maria Lysack
- Jocelyn Young MacGibbon
- Jennifer (Thamer) Meister
- Deborah Metcalfe
- Mrs. Joan (Macaw) Miners
- Dr. Andrea Moser (1984)
- Tannis (Leach) Nuttall '83*
- Heather (Jessiman) Partridge
- Judith H. Pellicone
- Linda (Leach) Radcliffe BH '63
- Mrs. Frances M. Riley
- Polly Riley
- Susan (Graham) Scott
- Arla Sidebottom
- Signy Stewart*
- Joanne R. Sutherland
- Mary P. (Tucker) Taylor
- Catherine Thiessen
- Mrs. Margaret W. Williams
- Shirley-Ann Wing
- Anonymous

*gifts directed to Debt Reduction after January 1, 2001 – matched by the Carolyn Sifton Foundation.

Elsie M. Bartlett Scholarship

The following alumnae have contributed to this scholarship in appreciation of Marianne Burwood Hollamby's book / *Remember it in Colour*. Marianne has requested that all donations received due to her book be used to build up this fund. To date, \$681.85 in gifts have been received.

Most Recent Gifts (received after July 1, 2000)

- Jill (Page) Babcock
- Donna M. Ford
- Phyllis M. Glover
- Maria Lysack
- Jocelyn Ryles
- Dulcie Snider
- Joan L. (Malaher) Williams

Reprinted below are excerpts of a letter from Mr. Gene Dunn, Chair of the Board of Governors announcing an extraordinary gift from the Carolyn Sifton Foundation.

This gift is a challenge to all members of the BH Family. We hope that you will respond positively through a gift to Annual Giving directed to Debt Reduction. If your gift is made prior to June 30, 2002, it will qualify for this matching grant opportunity.

Good news travels fast at Balmoral Hall and although you may have already heard the news via the grapevine, it is my pleasure to formally make the following announcement!

The Board of the Carolyn Sifton Foundation has announced a one time grant of \$500,000 towards the long term debt of Balmoral Hall School. They have also established an additional \$500,000 Challenge Gift to the School. Every dollar received by BH and directed towards debt reduction between January 1st, 2001 and June 30th, 2002 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000 by the Carolyn Sifton Foundation. This will enable BH to go a long way towards meeting a number of initiatives outlined by the Strategic Planning Committee in their long term school plan.

This magnificent gift is the largest ever received by Balmoral Hall and opens up many exciting possibilities in our future. We believe that the best way to show our appreciation is to do our share in meeting the Foundation's challenge.

The Head of School, Board of Governors, Advisory Board and myself have all shared our heartfelt thanks with Mr. Graeme Sifton, President of the Carolyn Sifton Foundation, for both the Foundation's support and the opportunities the Challenge Gift creates for our students today and tomorrow.

The Carolyn Sifton Foundation

By Tina Alto, Director of Development

Many alumnae have been asking the Development Office of Carolyn Sifton's connection to Balmoral Hall. Carolyn and her family arrived in Winnipeg from Toronto in 1935 when her father Victor Sifton took on the position as General Manager for the Winnipeg Free Press. Carolyn's younger sister Arma was enrolled at Riverbend School for Girls. Today, Carolyn's great niece Micah, is a Grade Six student at Balmoral Hall.

Sadly, Carolyn never knew her great-niece as she passed away in Toronto after a lengthy battle with cancer in 1976 at the young age of 47. Never having had children of her own, Carolyn had a great fondness for children and so, upon her death, her estate was used to establish the Carolyn Sifton Foundation.

The Foundation began its involvement with BH during the *Enriching her Tomorrows* Campaign and has assisted with the development of our new facilities, the enhancement of our multimedia lab, the restoration of Aikins House and the installation of a hydraulic wheelchair ramp. In addition, the president of the Foundation Graeme Sifton, Carolyn's nephew and a current parent of BH, has given endless hours of his time to the Heritage Committee's Aikins House Restoration Project and to the Board of Governors of Balmoral Hall.

Last December, Graeme announced that the Carolyn Sifton Foundation had elected to make a very generous gift to Balmoral Hall School. This donation will help eliminate the long term debt and enable resources to be directed towards what BH does best – educating girls and young women.



Carolyn Sifton (right) with sister-in-law Nancy en route to Southampton, England in March 1953.

Raising Funds...Reducing Debt

All donations directed to Debt Reduction before June 30, 2002 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000 by the Carolyn Sifton Foundation.

How it Works:

1. Make your gift to BH by cheque, credit card or on your school account before June 30, 2002.
2. Indicate that you want to direct it to Debt Reduction.
3. Receive a tax receipt for your donation.
4. Your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Carolyn Sifton Foundation.
5. Take pride in the knowledge that you have helped Balmoral Hall School reach its initial goal of \$1 million dollars towards debt reduction.

Balmoral Hall Centennial History Book Project

Since October 2000, selected students from the two Senior 3 (Grade 11) classes have been working on the Balmoral Hall Centennial History Book Project one period per cycle. One of the city's most experienced heritage consultants has been teaching the students about Winnipeg, Manitoba and Western Canadian history and discussing Balmoral Hall's place in it.

Oral history skills have been developed, with guests invited into the classroom to increase the students' interviewing skills. Alumnae have been contacted and interviews set up for March and April 2001, to be video taped by the students. The tapes will then be indexed and properly marked for use by the School library/archives, with excerpts published in a final class report. Students will be responsible for all aspects of this final report, including writing, editing, formatting, photography, and graphic arts. Completion is scheduled for May 2001 and the project will be submitted to provincial history competitions.

The heritage consultant has also been researching the history of the School for the Centennial History Book. Information obtained by the students in their interviews will become an integral part of the book. The book will be lively and readable, useful not only to Balmoral Hall School and its alumnae but also to a wider audience of readers – those interested in learning about one of Manitoba's important institutions.

It is our hope that this lasting centennial project will be published in time for centennial celebrations in the fall of 2001 and have received provincial funding to cover part of the research costs. But now we are asking you to help bring the book to print. Please direct your donation to the BH Centennial History Book Project, attention Tina Alto, Director of Development. Your support for this project is vital to its completion.



Archive Displays at Centennial Reunion

Remember "The Goodship Balmoral"? Help us enrich our collection of pictures of special events like this one. In preparation for our 100th Birthday, we are looking for any memorabilia you may have. Pictures, report cards, yearbooks, closing exercise programs, home movies and any other articles.

We are also looking for volunteers to help display this memorabilia at the *Centennial Reunion* in May 2002. Please contact the Alumnae Office. We'd love to have you aboard!

Looking for Yearbooks!

Havergal

Any and all years welcome. We have no way of knowing whether Havergal published a yearbook every year from 1902 to 1916. We have a few (1910, 1913, 1914, 1915) but any additional ones would be terrific to have.



Rupert's Land

Looking for yearbooks from 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938. There was a period, 1922-28, during which no yearbooks were published. There may have been other gaps as well.



Riverbend

Looking for a 1939 yearbook.

I was recently leafing through a book of my mother's, who died many years ago, and noted that it had a bookplate from Rupert's Land Girls' School awarding it as a prize to her for English in 1947. Her name was then (Margaret) Joyce Morris. I understand that Rupert's Land merged with Riverbend to form Balmoral Hall. If it is not too much trouble, my sisters and I would be interested in receiving any information on my mother's stay at Rupert's Land. We have some pictures from that time but not any other material that we can find. It is of particular interest to me since my mother-in-law was a student at Riverbend at the same time, but some years behind my mother. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Jim Leitch

I am writing to ask if you might have some information on one of my old classmates of the Class of 1943 at Rupert's Land. The girl I am inquiring about is **Lola Marsden** who was a boarder and whose home was in Winnipeg. Another friend of mine who was in the same class, Lois Cuff, was a particular friend of Lola's and was asking me if I had any information. Lola had married an English man and was living in England. I was given this email address and thought I would begin here in hopes that you might be able to furnish me with some information.

Mary (Bays) Gardner RLS '43

Dear Mary,

We have looked in our alumnae records for Lola and can't seem to find a current address for her. We do have her listed as Lola (Marson) Charlton and her last known address was in Kent, England. I am sorry I can not be of any more help in your efforts to locate her. If by chance you do find her, please advise us of her address...we'd love to re-connect with her.

Hello Everyone!! Ms. Kathy MacKay told me that you are looking for me and other international students so I just sent you an email. I'm pretty good. I've stayed at Winnipeg till February 1998 and came back to Shizuoka, which is my home city in Japan. I started working at the trading company in Shizuoka from October 1998 and right after starting this job, I've moved to Tokyo office to improve my skills. I'm still working at same company and next week, I'm moving to Hong Kong office. I'll be a manager for export and production control dept. I'm pretty excited!! I miss BH and I always hope I can go back there again!!

Yuko Omura '96

I have found Perri (Peronelle) Burnford '61. We were just visiting Maui and there she was at our condo! The first thing she asked was "do they have reunions?" so I'm sending her your 2002 Reunion info. It was good to see her again. She has two daughters and is as interesting as ever. She is guiding horseback tours into the crater on Maui and would like to be on your mailing list.

Jo-Anne (Andrews) Russell '61

An Interview with my Grandmother

By Amanda Aldous '02

For our school's Centennial, the Grade 11 class has been

interviewing many alumnae from our founding schools. I decided to join this project and interview one of these alumnae. Funnily enough, I interviewed my grandmother! Barbara (Hamon) Aldous graduated from Rupert's Land School in 1938.

I was extremely excited to join my family memories with the School's history project, and so was my grandmother! She was

more happy to do the interview with me, but it was also strange because the night before, she was at our house having coffee and talking about the interview the next day! I was a little nervous because I wanted this to be really good. Everything went smoothly and the fun part was getting to ask her questions about stories she had already told me when I was younger. For example, she's often told me what kind of mischief they got into then, and of course I brought this up in the interview!

The end result was an interesting, relaxed and very fun interview with my grandmother – I can't wait to finish the project!

DROP US A LINE!

At Christmas I received a very nice card from Margo Chia, a grade 6 student. I am a bit late with my thank you, but I wonder if you could find a way to pass on the message that I was very pleased to receive her greetings. I think it is a very good idea to create an interest in the alumnae among the students – and nice for far away alumnae members like myself to be kept in touch with the School.

Margaret (Killick) Ramsay, RLS '47

My name is Jose Manuel from Mexico. My sister Sandra studied at your school some time ago. When she graduated and came home, she brought along a friend of hers, a Japanese girl named Wakako who stayed at our house for two weeks. I am now in Japan as an international student and have been asking Sandra to get me her number, but it appears she has lost all contact with her. I would really appreciate it if you could provide me with any information as of how I could contact her or her family, since the time I will still be in Japan is limited.

Jose Manuel Villa Rodriguez

I want to thank you... I have managed to contact Wakako. She was absolutely surprised. She lives in Kyoto, whereas I am in Tokyo. But would you know it, around a month ago I made reservations for a trip to Kyoto, without knowing she was there. So I will probably be seeing her in a few weeks!

The Alumnae Email Directory is so great! I just got an email from Andrea Moser a friend in the Class of '84 with whom I had lost touch. I called her to catch up and she is coming to the Centennial Reunion!

Jennifer (Thamer) Meister '85

I would like to be in touch once more; here is my current address. Somehow I lost contact about eight years ago. Thank you for getting in touch with me again.

Dulcie Snider RIV '41

I last attended BH in 1967 (Form IV) and would have graduated in 1969. I have lost all contact with my classmates and those of other grades with whom I boarded. I would appreciate being kept posted of the upcoming reunion in 2002 and plan to visit the school website soon.

Jennifer (Ladin) Rockburne '69

I'm a former student and would like to know if it's possible to acquire old yearbooks. I attended Balmoral Hall from 1966 to 1970, after which my parents decided I should attend public school. However, my fondest school memories have always been my Balmoral years and I'd dearly love to replace my lost yearbooks, if possible. I'd also like to know if there's an alumnae list I can access, in order to find a few old classmates, and whether a non-graduate may attend the festivities in May 2002.

Tracy Ann Graham '78

Dear Tracy:
We will check in the archives for those old yearbooks. The best way to re-connect with other alumnae is through the Email Directory. You can find it on the School's website at www.balmoralhall.com And yes, graduate or not, any student who attended for a minimum of one year is considered an alumna. We hope you will join us in May 2002!

Thank You!

Thank you to Elaine (Tempest) Williams RLS '49 for donating her Jones House tie to the School Archives



Visit us at www.balmoralhall.com

The School's website has current information about the *Centennial Reunion* and ways to get involved. See pictures of recent events and check out the lost alumnae list to help us find them!

Alumnae Email Directory

There are now over 300 alumnae who can communicate with each other through the on-line directory. Talk it up with your friends. Encourage them to add their names and email addresses. It's easy, it's fun, it's free and it's a great way to locate and connect with your friends!

Check it out on the alumnae page at www.balmoralhall.com

Post Messages On-line!

Try *Class Notes*, the newest feature added to the Email Directory. Post and read messages for your friends about anything you

The Faces of Balmoral Hall

Just as the Balmoral Hall dolls have portrayed our graduates for the past twenty years, so have the graduating class photos of Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend and Balmoral Hall for the past 100 years. In recognition of this important birthday, the School is mounting a permanent exhibition of the photos of every graduating class, and we need your help.

Since Balmoral Hall is the amalgamation of Riverbend and Rupert's Land Schools in 1950, there have been 121 graduating classes! So far, we have been able to locate an original for half the classes. Please make time in your already busy schedules to help us locate original photos the following graduating classes.

Where are those Missing Class Photos?

Havergal Graduates of 1902 – 1916

Missing 14 class photos: all years except 1909

Rupert's Land School Graduates of 1917 – 1950

Missing 16 class photos: 1917 to 1923, 28, 29, 32, 33, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50

Riverbend Graduates of 1929 – 1950

Missing 9 class photos: 1929, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38, 40, 49

Balmoral Hall School Graduates of 1951 – 2000

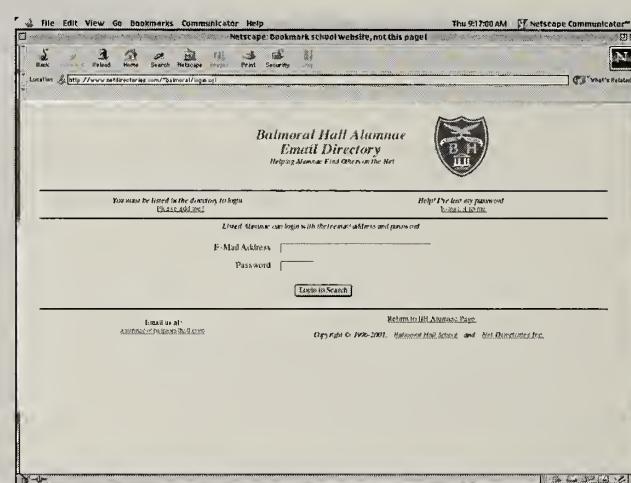
Missing 22 class photos: 1951, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59

1960, 63, 65, 69

1970, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78

A reproduction will be made and the original will be returned to you. For further information, please contact the Alumnae Office at (204) 784-1603 or email alumnae@balmoralhall.com

want – marriages, births, job appointments, travel, gossip! Just click on the "Go to Class Notes" once you've logged on, and see what is going on with alums in your class.



thirties

**Emily (Hayes) Marshall
RIV '39**

The Alumnae Office initiated a school-wide project to connect current students with alumnae who attended our founding schools. Students sent greeting cards in December of 1999 and 2000 to alumnae worldwide who attended Havergal, Rupert's Land or Riverbend Schools.

Since December 1999, Alexandra Campbell (Grade 5) and Emily Marshall have been corresponding by mail. Alex told us that this new friendship means a lot to her and that she plans to send a photo of herself in her next letter.



Grade 5 student Alexandra Campbell has been corresponding with Riverbend alumna

forties

**Marion (Hambley) Campbell
RIV '45**

Marion & her mother were in from Ottawa and stopped by BH for a visit. Seen here in the atrium, she got Mexican recipes from two students who are in

the International Program. Marion shared with us some of her memories of Riverbend and her thoughts on the evolution of the School. "It's a wonderful thing to know that you've had the right foundation of schooling; and this most wonderful building...it has been fathered and mothered by keen minds – and they are far-seeing minds."



Students share Mexican recipes with Marion

**Marianne (Burwood)
Hollamby RLS '48**

Marianne writes, "I would like to thank all who have written to me expressing their interest and appreciation of my book *I Remember it in Colour*. U.K. alumnae can obtain a copy of my book at my son's shop in London – Connaught Galleries.

fifties

Class of 1951

Please be our guests at the Alumnae Brunch, Sunday, April 22 to celebrate your 50th reunion. RSVP to (204) 784-1603 or alumnae@balmoralhall.com
We look forward to seeing you!

Diana (Sheppard) Martin '59
I intend having a look at my Canadian memorabilia. I believe I have some photos from the early 1950's. I was a student at BH and was in about Grade 3 or 4 when Rupert's Land and BH amalgamated. My family moved to Australia in September 1954 and my sister, Mrs. Joan Clowes receives your mailings.

Ann Brumell '59

Ann writes, "I attended BH from 1950–55 and for a short period was a boarder. My family moved east where I graduated from Branksome Hall and then studied criminology at the University of Toronto (one of the first women to do so in the early days of the programme). I enjoy so many wonderful memories of my time at BH. It's a nice feeling to keep in touch with the school although I rarely visit the Winnipeg area. I remember Miss Sharman, Miss Lucas and Miss Murrell-Wright! I can remember competing in gymnastics, singing in the choir, taking part in the Christmas plays and sharing snacks after lights out!"

seventies

Leslie Konantz '78

It has been a while since I connected with BH though I connect with BH alumnae & friends in the course of life – here's a quick update: I married Cam Landell of Montreal and we have two gorgeous & wonderful kids (if I dare say so), David 5 and Madeleine almost 2. My

whole family has moved to Vancouver and planted new roots – we are lucky to be able to spend lots of time together. Professionally I am the Associate Executive Director of the University of British Columbia Alumni Association. I graduated from Queen's and understand the value of staying connected with one's alma mater. My brief experience at Balmoral Hall for grades 6–8 was extraordinary and continues to effect my life. Friends that were made in Mrs. Coyne's grade 6 history class remain true today and life lessons learned in the classroom, gym and in swing tag pepper teachings to my own kids – fair play, citizenship and friendly competition (go Glen Gairn go!). I look forward to celebrating BH's *Centennial Reunion* and wish you all the very best as you prepare for it.

Lisa (Evans) Plocktis '78

I noticed on the alumnae web page that I was listed as missing! I was wondering why I hadn't received my copy of the Portal for a while. I love receiving it to catch up with my generation of classmates. I am living in Westbank B.C. (near Kelowna) for 8 months of the year and at Big White Ski Resort for the other 4 months. My husband is General Manager here, so if we want to see him during the season, we must live here. We have three children: Chris, 10; Lindy, 8; and Scott who is 6, as well as three dogs, a hamster and a budgie.

eighties

Class of 1983

Carol (Premachuk) Steel, Carolyn (Horn) Jones and Aynsley (Hinchliffe) Cockshott are planning a class get together at the Centennial Reunion in May 2002. Watch for details!

Daunica (Martin) Brock '83

Daunica has accepted an invitation from the class of 2001 to be their keynote speaker at Closing Exercises on June 14th.

Andrea Moser '84

How the years fly by. I have very fond memories of my two years spent at BH, and still feel indebted to the school for giving me the stepping stones to where I am today! I am presently living in Ottawa with my three children; William age 9, Timothy age 7 and Elizabeth age 5. I graduated from the University of Ottawa in 1991 in medicine, then completed my family medicine residency and specialization in geriatrics. I am currently enrolled in the Msc program in Epidemiology at the U of Ottawa and am involved with the newly launched Institute on Health of the Elderly. As assistant professor with the department of Family Medicine, I also do some teaching which is fun. Please keep me informed about the big reunion – I hope to make it!

Sacha (Moody) Thoman '86

Sacha obtained her B.A. from Queen's and is currently a Sales Representative with Prudential Properties in Toronto. She married Michael Thoman on June 23, 2000.



*Congratulations!
Sacha & husband Michael
were married in June.*

Class of 1989

We have located several copies of your "white dress photo." If you would like a copy, please contact the Alumnae Office.

nineties

Class of 1991

Your 10 Year Reunion will be held on June 1 & 2. Please contact Amy Johnson at (807) 274-0622 or amy_johnson@abicon.com for details.

**Katie Gibson '99**

Katie is living in Toronto in High Park. She will be returning to school next year to study Fashion Marketing at either Ryerson or the International Academy of Design. Currently, she works in a boutique in Bloor West Village mentoring the owner who has been in business for about 20 years. "I am having a fantastic time and love what I am doing."

Anne (McGregor) Gault '90

Anne and her husband Scott are proud to announce the birth of their first child Sydney Anne Gault on February 21st. Anne now resides in Boca Raton Florida where she is a Surgical Nurse and her husband Scott is an Aircraft Specialist for the U.S. Bancorp.

Claire Monteiro '92

I now live in Greenwood, Nova Scotia! My fiancé Andrew McCorquodale and I moved in August of 2000. He is an officer in the air force; a navigator on the Aurora planes and flies with Squadron 40S of Maritime Patrol. I am working in two hospitals in ICU/ER & recovery room areas. We are busy planning our wedding, set to take place September 1st, 2001 in Winnipeg.

Stephanie Thorn '93

Stephanie has completed her Honours B.Sc from the University of Guelph majoring in Human Kinetics and Neuroscience. She is continuing her undergrad thesis research, entering the MSc. Program.

What is She doing now...

Vicki Francis**former staff 1989 – 1994**

Vicki taught Drama and English at BH. Over the years, she taught a variety of subjects but her real love and expertise was in drama. She loved to travel and recently turned her time to her prairie home and garden in Brunkild, Manitoba. She passed away on December 8, 2000 at the Victoria Hospital.

Isobel (Slater) Gunness**RIV '45**

Born in St. James on March 20, 1928, Isobel attended Riverbend School for Girls and graduated from United College. An avid paddler, she met her husband of 52 years at the Winnipeg Canoe Club. Following their marriage, she and Maurice moved to Brandon, briefly again in Winnipeg and then Oakville, Ontario before returning to St. James where they resided for the past 30 years. She passed away peacefully at the Grace Hospital on December 14, 2000 and leaves her five children and eight grandchildren.

Betty Lou (Allen) Seaman**RLS '46**

During her 16 years as executive director of the American Cancer Society in Long Beach, Betty Lou worked tirelessly to bring the disease – once suffered in silence – out into the open. She also helped establish one of Long Beach's largest charity events and during her tenure, saw local fundraising revenues sky-rocket. After her retirement in 1979, she moved to Joshua Tree where she served as

chairman of the board for High Desert Hospital before moving to Vancouver Island. Betty is survived by her friend and longtime partner Joan Clarke, sons Lance and Kirk and grandson Parker.

Katherine Lockhart (Taylor)**Simonds: 1907 – 1999**

Katherine (known as "K" to family and close friends) was the middle daughter born to Charles and Beatrice Taylor of Wilmot Place, Winnipeg. Her education began at Rupert's Land, and continued later at "BSS" in Toronto. She was refused admission to a motor mechanics course at "the Agy" because she was the only woman who applied, but later graduated from Home Economics. She obtained her pilots' license from the Royal Winnipeg Flying Club, but was persuaded by her father to stay on the ground for her mother's sake!

She married, in 1932, Guy Granville Simonds who became "Canada's Youngest General" in WW2. She and their two children, Ruth Simonds-Turner-Smith and Charles Simonds travelled with him in his military career. She eventually retired to Kingston – her favourite home-away-from-home – and at her death was mourned by both children and their spouses, ten grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

The story she told most often, and there are few who her life touched that have not heard it, was of the time when, walking

home from school (Rupert's Land) she stopped to watch the installation of the "Golden Boy" atop the legislative buildings. Her adventuresome nature prompted her to get closer, and so she climbed the scaffolding outside the legislative dome and touched the foot of the "Golden Boy." She was a woman ahead of her time; resourceful and independent, and her gravestone in St. John's Cemetery, Winnipeg, bears the inscription "Strength and dignity are her clothing" Proverbs 31:25.

Dorothy Mae (Longstaffe)**Watkinson Thomas****RLS '44**

Dorothy passed away at home in Manhattan Beach, California on November 3, 2000. With her first husband Geoff, she lived in England, Belgium and Toronto before settling in California. Together, they had four children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Dorothy remarried Jim Thomas after Geoff's passing and sadly, only had 1½ years together. She attended "Rup" from Grade 1 to 11 and happily attended Reunion 87 with her Riverbend cousin.



Dorothy (right) with Mildred (Longstaffe) Smith RIV '44

Wendy Ann Thompson '79

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson write, "Our beloved daughter was killed on a medical mission in northern B.C. Her plane was lost at sea January 11, 1995. She was so full of life with such happy memories of her 3 years spent at BH. Her greatest devotion was her love of sick children and her work at the Children's Hospital. We wish you well in updating all information on your fine body of graduates.



Wendy Thompson in Australia after graduation, 1984

*These alumnae
will be sadly
missed but
always in our
memories.
Should you
become aware
of an alumna's
passing, please
contact the BH
Alumnae Office.*

Consider Yourself Invited to the Annual Alumnae Brunch

Sunday, April 22, 2001
12:00 noon
Balmoral Hall School Atrium
Tickets: \$22 per person

Would you consider sponsoring a ticket for one of our 29 graduates? This gift of \$22 is tax deductible.

RSVP to the Alumnae Office before April 18th
(204) 784-1603 or alumnae@balmoralhall.com

The Alumnae Brunch is the formal occasion to welcome our graduates to the Alumnae Association. We will be celebrating reunion years at the brunch and invite all classes celebrating a reunion to reserve a table today.

Class of 1986 – 15 years
Class of 1981 – 20 years
Class of 1976 – 25 years
Class of 1971 – 30 years
Class of 1966 – 35 years
Class of 1961 – 40 years
Class of 1956 – 45 years
Class of 1951 – 50 years – *first graduating class of BH!*

As a special celebration for the 50 year reunion, we would like all 1951 alumnae to be our guests at this year's brunch. Please contact the Alumnae Office for your ticket.

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Mark Your Place in History

Members of the BH Family have endowed 123 seats in the Sifton Family Theatre. Parents have named seats for their daughters, grandparents for their granddaughters, entire families have named seats, staff have named a seat for themselves, graduating classes have named a seat for their class, seats have been named in memory of loved ones, and alumnae have named seats for their favourite teacher, for themselves or their families.

There are still some seats left! For information on how you can endow a theatre seat, please call Tina Alto in the Development Office at (204) 784-1614.